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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2034**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fuentes  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bonilla)**

February 23, 2012

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An act to add Section 125191.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2034, as amended, Fuentes. Medical care: genetically handicapping conditions.

Existing law, the Holden-Moscone-Garamendi Genetically Handicapped Person's Program (GHPP), requires the Director of Health Care Services to establish and administer a program for the medical care of persons with specified genetically handicapping conditions and for persons with specified hereditary metabolic disorders.

Existing law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), among other provisions, reformed certain aspects of the private health insurance industry and public health insurance programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with designated entities, to develop a plan for the administration of the GHPP after the implementation of the PPACA. This bill would require the plan to address, among other things, preservation of the availability of wrap-around services that would otherwise not be available through the PPACA and the addition of

genetic amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to the list of conditions covered under the GHPP. *This bill would require the department to submit the plan to the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature by July 1, 2013.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 125191.5 is added to the Health and  
2 Safety Code, to read:  
3 125191.5. (a) The department, in consultation with the  
4 California Health Benefit Exchange and the Advisory Committee  
5 on Genetically Handicapped Person's Program, shall develop a  
6 plan for ~~the continued operation of~~ the Genetically Handicapped  
7 Person's Program after implementation of the federal Patient  
8 Protection and Affordable Care Act (*Public Law 111-148*). The  
9 plan shall address all of the following:  
10 (1) ~~Preserving the availability of wrap-around~~ *Wrap-around*  
11 ~~services that will not otherwise be available, in the absence of the~~  
12 ~~Genetically Handicapped Person's Program, after implementation~~  
13 ~~of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public~~  
14 ~~Law 111-148).~~  
15 (2) Continued coverage for any residual services and  
16 populations.  
17 (3) Adding genetic amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) to the  
18 Genetically Handicapped Person's Program list of conditions, as  
19 described in Section 125130. ~~The care~~ *Care* and treatment *provided*  
20 for genetic ALS under the Genetically Handicapped Person's  
21 Program, *pursuant to the addition of genetic ALS to the Genetically*  
22 *Handicapped Person's Program list of conditions*, shall be  
23 consistent with the principles described in Section 104323.  
24 (b) As an alternative to consulting with the Advisory Committee  
25 on Genetically Handicapped Person's Program, in developing the  
26 plan described in subdivision (a), the department may consult with  
27 stakeholders, representatives of Genetically Handicapped Person's  
28 Program providers, persons with genetically handicapped  
29 conditions, special care centers, genetic disease medical experts,  
30 and other interested persons.

1     (c) *The plan described in subdivision (a) shall be submitted to*  
2     *the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature by July*  
3     *1, 2013.*

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